What is claimed is:

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2. (As amended) An organic electroluminescent element comprising an anode, organic layers and a cathode piled one upon another on a substrate wherein at least one of the organic layers is a light-emitting layer containing a host material and a dopant material and a pyrazole-derived compound represented by the following formula II is used as said host material:

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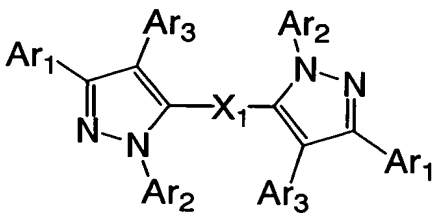

(II)

wherein, Ar_1-Ar_3 are independently hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon groups, at least one of Ar_1-Ar_3 is a group other than hydrogen and X_1 is a direct bond or a substituted or unsubstituted divalent aromatic hydrocarbon group.

3. An organic electroluminescent element as described in claim 2 wherein Ar_1 and Ar_2 are aromatic hydrocarbon groups and Ar_3 is hydrogen or an aromatic hydrocarbon group in the compound represented by formula II.

4. An organic electroluminescent element as described in claim 2 or 3 wherein Ar_1 and Ar_2 are phenyl groups, Ar_3 is hydrogen or phenyl group and X_1 is phenylene group in the compound represented by formula II.

5. (As amended) An organic electroluminescent element as described in any one of claims 2 to 4 wherein the dopant material comprises at least one metal complex selected from phosphorescent ortho-metalated metal complexes and porphyrin metal complexes.

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6. An organic electroluminescent element as described in claim 5 wherein the metal complex comprises at least one metal selected from ruthenium, rhodium, palladium, silver, rhenium, osmium, iridium, platinum and gold at its center.

7. (As amended) An organic electroluminescent element as described in any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein a hole-blocking layer or an electron-transporting layer or both are disposed between the light-emitting layer and the cathode.

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